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1. EMBASSY'S CONSULAR OFFICER HAS MAINTAINED DISCREET CONTACT WITH ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BASED IN LUSAKA INCLUDING FRELIMO AND COREMO FROM MOZAMBIQUE AND MPLA AND UNITA FROM ANGOLA. AS FAR AS IS KNOWN, NONE OF VARIOUS INCUMBENTS SINCE 1966 HAS MET FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH FRELIMO DIFFERS FROM THAT OF DAR, HOWEVER, AS EMBOFF ALWAYS CORDIALLY RECEIVED AT LOCAL OFFICE OR HOME OF LUSAKA REP. HAS NEVER ENCOUNTERED LINE THAT US IS AN ENEMY OF FRELIMO.

2. WHILE FRELIMO REPRESENTATION IN LUSAKA SMALL AND LOW KEY, OFFICE STAFFED BY CAPABLE PEOPLE. MARINAO MATSINHA HAS BEEN CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE LAST FOUR YEARS. ABOUT 40, HE IS PERSONABLE AND QUITE FRIENDLY. WHEN ASKED, HE WILL COMMENT ON PROGRESS OF MOZAMBIQUE WAR. DURING HIS TIME
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HERE, MATSINHA HAS WORKED AT IMPROVING HIS ENGLISH. HE

HAS SPENT MUCH OF LAST ONE AND A HALF YEARS AWAY FROM LUSAKA, INCLUDING TRIP TO UNGA IN FALL OF 1972. SINCE BEGINNING OF MAY HE HAS BEEN TRAVELING TO AND FROM DAR WITH MACHEL. MATSINHA IS RESPECTED BY OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN LIAISON MAN WITH ZANU LEADING TO COORDINATED EFFORTS IN TETE AND NORTHEASTERN RHODESIA.

3. DURING MATSINHA'S ABSENCE LAST YEAR, XAVIER SULILA WAS ACTING REP. BELIEVE SULILA IS FRELIMO TREASURER AND NORMALLY BASED IN DAR. ALTHOUGH CONTACT NOT EXTENSIVE, EMBOFF FOUND SULILA TO BE FRIENDLY. ONLY OTHER OFFICIAL OF IMPORTANCE BASED IN LUSAKA IS RAFAEL MAGUNI WHO HANDLES FRELIMO'S BROADCASTS ON ZAMBIA'S EXTERNAL SERVICE. ABOUT 26, MAGUNI IS PLEASANT BUT SOMEWHAT COCKY AND NOT PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING. HE CAME HERE LAST YEAR FROM DAR AND SPEAKS PERFECT ENGLISH.
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